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1. SCHEDULE OF SITE VISITS MARCH 31 TO APRIL FIFTH HAS BEEN REVISED SLIGHTLY AS FOLLOWS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL (A) AND IN INTEREST OF MINIMIZING TRAVEL TIME BETWEEN SITES ON EACH DAY:

MARCH 31 AM: MITSUBISHI LIFE SCIENCES LAB, PM: SONY

APRIL 1 ALL DAY: TOKAI MURA AND OARAI (WILL INCLUDE LUNCH)

APRIL 2 AM: NTT, PM: SUMITOMO SHIPYARD AND NISSAN MOTORS

ALTERNATIVE SITE: (ALL DAY) INSTITUTE OF PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL RESEARCH

APRIL 3 AM: TORAY, PM: FUJITSU

APRIL 4 AM: SEIKO (LUNCH AT SEIKO), PM: NEW JAPAN STEEL

APRIL 5 ALL DAY: TSUKUBA NEW TOWN (WILL INCLUDE LUNCH)

APRIL 10 AM: SHINKANSEN CONTROL CENTER AND JNR LABORATORY

PM: ELECTROTECHNICAL LABORATORY AND GOVERNMENT MECHANICAL LABORATORY

2. ABOVE SCHEDULE INCLUDES VISIT TO MITSUBISHI LIFE SCIENCES LAB, WHICH WAS OMITTED FROM REFTEL (C) BECAUSE OF INORDINANT AMOUNT OF TRAVEL TIME REQUIRED WHEN VISIT TO IPCR WAS SCHEDULED ON SAME DAY. PRESENT PAIRINGS OF SITES APPEAR TO BE OPTIMAL IN REDUCING TRAVEL TIMES.

3. INSTITUTE OF PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL RESEARCH (IPCR) IS SO

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LARGE (41 LABORATORIES, COVERING ALMOST ALL FIELDS OF SCIENCE)

THAT A FULL DAY WILL BE NEEDED TO COVER IT. IN ADDITION, TRAVEL EACH WAY WILL TAKE ABOUT 90 MINUTES, DEPENDING ON TRAFFIC. EMBASSY THEREFORE SUGGESTS THAT ONE PART OF US TEAM TOUR IPCR ON ONE DAY (APRIL 2, 3, OR 4) WHILE REST OF TEAM VISITS OTHER SITES. AS VISIT TO IPCR SHOULD BE SOMEWHAT LESS PHYSICALLY TAXING THAT VISITS ALREADY SCHEDULED APRIL 2-4, EMBASSY SUGGESTS SETTING IT UP AS ALTERNATIVE ON APRIL 2, A DAY WITH A PARTICULARLY HEAVY SCHEDULE. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS TO WHICH MEMBERS OF TEAM WOULD PREFER TO VISIT IPCR AND WHETHER THEY WOULD PREFER A DAY OTHER THAN APRIL 2. IF TEAM DOES NOT DESIRE SPLIT PROGRAMMING ON ANY DAY, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS OMITTING VISIT TO IPCR.

4. LUNCHES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED AS INDICATED. THOSE FOR REMAINING DAYS WILL BE ARRANGED, AT SITES OF MORNING VISITS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.

5. EMBOFFS HAVE RESERVED SINGLE AT HOTEL OKURA FOR JUSTIN BLOOM FOR NIGHTS OF MARCH 29 TO APRIL 11, AT 7,500 YEN NIGHTLY. EMBOFF WILL MEET PAA FLIGHT ONE AT 1545 ON MARCH 29. EMBOFF UNDERSTANDING IS THAT BLOOM AND KRATZER WILL STAY IN SCICOUNS RESIDENCE. HOTEL RESERVATION MAY BE CANCELLED LATER. HODGSON

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